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Comments on the Energy Tax Reform Working Group-

I am a resident of Ohio and I have been studying wind energy turbines, as a hobby, for 3 years. What I have learned about this industry has been shocking. It is time to repeal the Wind PTC.

1. Wind energy turbines do NOT reduce our dependence on foreign oil because we do not generate our electricity from foreign oil.
2. According to our CBO, if you compare subsidies per UNIT of PRODUCTION, wind currently receives 12 x the subsidies of oil and gas and 6.5 x that of nuclear. This is NOT a level playing field!
3. Wherever these machines are, electricity rates have skyrocketed. All across Europe, including Denmark (which has more turbines per capita than anywhere else on the planet), rates are approximately TRIPLE what we pay here in the USA.
4. Because we are giving them so many other advantages, like states' RPS, PILOT programs, accelerated depreciation, etc. they have unfair advantages that other technologies do not also enjoy.
5. According to "an exhaustive industry survey...O&M costs are double or even triple initial projections...and wind farm return on investment is around -21%...O&M costs can now be expected to increase on average 253% over the 20 year life of the various wind machines". The Wind PTC does not make sense!

The PTC has been in existence for most of the past 30 years. It is time to spend that money more wisely.

Thank you for this opportunity,
Sincerely,

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